THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. *(See* below)

(c) These bottling plants are expected to be completed in a phased manner by 1988.

These bottling plants, together with those being put up by other oil marketing companies will help in meeting the requirements of existing and new customers.

Statement

Locations of LPG bottling plants to be set up by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

1. Uran (Maharashtra)
2. Asaoti/Pyala (Haryana)
3. Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)
4. Sholapur (Maharashtra)
5. Jalgaon (Maharashtra)
6. Lalru Ambala (Haryana)
7. Trivandrum (Kerala)
8. Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)
9. Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
10. Hissar (Haryana)
11. Khurda (Orissa)
12. Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh)

Setting up joint venture with Interantional Oil Producers

1409. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has offered to collaborate and set up a joint venture with Interantional Oil Producers, including the organisation of Arab Petroleum exporting countries, in various fields of hydrocarbon development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A joint Indo-OAPEC Seminar was recently held in New Delhi to discuss areas of cooperation between South Asian and Arab countries in hydrocarbon industry. Possibility of setting up of joint ventures was one of the areas covered in the Seminar.

Laying of gas pipeline from Tripura to West Bengal

1410. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to lay a gas pipeline from Tripura to West Bengal and Bihar through Bangladesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Project;

(c) whether the Bangladesh Government has been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Funds allotted for expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery

1411. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allotted for the expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery in Assam remained unutilised;